Uniforms for DTC Employees

1647. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of DTC employees eligible for uniforms and washing allowance and the annual expenditure thereon separately;

(b) whether Government are aware that hardly any DTC employees especially drivers and conductors wear the prescribed uniform; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to see that the DTC crew abide by the rules in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The total number of employees eligible for uniform and washing allowance is 36709. The annual expenditure during 1989-90 in respect of uniform was Rs. 153.28 lakhs and in respect of washing allowance was Rs. 33.69 lakhs.

(b) and (c) There have been some instances where the drivers/conductors on duty were found without uniform. In such cases action is taken and the defaulters are challaned. During January, 1990—July, 1990 379 Challans have been issued to the crew. There are standing instructions that the drivers and conductors must wear proper uniform while on duty. These instructions are repeated in writing as well as on pubic address system in depots. The checking staff is entrusted with the task of checking uniform of the crew on duty and to submit reports against defaulting staff for taking suitable action.

M. C. Road in Chengannoor under National Highways Scheme

1648. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of heavy traffic of MC Road, Erapuzha Bridge at Chengannoor in Kerala has been included in the National Highway expansion scheme; if so, what are the details of the development of this bridge and the cost involved therein; and

(b) whether the same bridge is being widened to cope with the heavy traffic or another bridge is being constructed on an alternative site?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Construction of Erapuzha Bridge on M. C. Road which is a State Highway has been sanctioned under the Central Road Fund scheme in the year 1988 for Rs. 72.00 lakhs. The State Government is reported to be getting the site investigated and is examining the proposal for its widening etc.

DTC's Instructions for Bus Services

1649. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions have been issued to DTC authorities to improve its service in Delhi;

(b) if so, the result so far achieved and the agency checking its implementaion;

(c) whether Government are aware that 99 per cent of the buses are stopped at the middle of the roads and speed up in second before boarding by the passengers; and

(d) the reasons for the buses running without destination plates clearly indicating in English and Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The performance of DTC is regularly reviewed by the Ministry and instructions are given to them to effect improvements in identified areas. As a result of